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FOR: TIRE VULCANIZING METHOD AND : VULCANIZER FOR PERFORMING THE

METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.